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Mr. Harry E. Fitzwater
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Dear Mr. Fitzwater:

This is an advisory notice to alert your agency to some amendments to the laws governing employee relocation allowances.

The Joint Resolution, H.J. Res. 413, enacted as Public Law 98-151 on November 14, 1983, to continue appropriations for fiscal year 1984, also included amendments to the statutory authority for reimbursement of employee relocation expenses as contained in subchapter II, chapter 57, of title 5, U.S. Code.

The new provisions are effective on the date of enactment, November 14, 1983. General Services Administration (GSA) will issue the implementing regulations as expeditiously as possible. Employees of your agency being relocated at Government expense who reported for duty at the new official station on or after November 14, 1983, will be subject to the new relocation provisions as implemented by GSA. The new provisions affect allowances for household goods, temporary quarters, real estate expenses, income tax liability and third party relocation services. Specific details of GSA's implementation are not yet available.

As a separate matter, I would like to bring you up to date on the status of GSA's proposed per diem legislation. It was introduced in Congress on October 27, 1983, as H.R. 4233 by Congressman Jack Brooks and referred to the Committee on Government Operations. There have been no indications of further congressional action. This legislation would authorize GSA to prescribe a locality-based flat rate per diem system for reimbursement of an employee's subsistence expenses during official travel instead of the current actual subsistence expense and lodgings-plus per diem systems.

Questions or specific concerns regarding either the relocation legislation or the per diem bill may be directed to my staff representatives on 557-1253 or 557-1256.

Sincerely,


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